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ANS Members Pledge in Response to Challenge Grant

Following the January announcement of a \$300,000 Challenge Grant to the Society from the National Endowment for the Humanities, the ANS has received over \$85,000 in new and increased pledges from its 2,200 members—bringing the total campaign amount to \$3,104,000. Ninety members and friends of the ANS returned pledge cards in response to a letter from Margaret Thompson, Honorary Chairman for the Campaign and Chief Curator Emeritus of the Society. In her letter Miss Thompson appealed for the help of each member to participate at whatever level he or she can, stating that “to maintain our preeminence as a center for numismatic study we must strengthen and expand our activities.”

Each member received an illustrated Development Campaign brochure describing the areas designated for increased support and expansion through this \$4 million endowment campaign. At least \$2.5 million in additional endowment is being sought to enhance the Society’s ability to attract and keep a staff of the very first quality and guarantee continued preeminence in the areas of research, collection, exhibitions and teaching. Of this amount, \$500,000 is sought for hiring support staff to facilitate visitor use of the collections and library.

Funds for capital improvements are being sought in the amount of \$500,000. Among the renovations planned to increase the accessibility of the collections are the installation of an elevator within the secure area, reapportionment of the study areas and conversion of an existing exhibition hall to more flexible lecture, conference and exhibition space.

Endowment for computerization will support the on-going creation of the

database inventory and full integration of the library. The Society is currently the only source in the United States for formal training with academic credit in numismatic research and is seeking \$500,000 in endowment funds for its Graduate Seminar in Numismatics program. Endowed Seminar funding will assure a level of on-going support necessary to attract the flow of top students who, in their subsequent careers, will be able to further the discipline through publication and teaching.

Member Participation Urged

The NEH Challenge Grant recognizes the Society’s unique role in the furtherance of numismatic research and the importance of numismatics as a scholarly discipline in the humanities. ANS President Harry W. Fowler, who serves as Chairman for the Development Campaign, has directed an appeal to those members who have yet to contribute to the Campaign, urging them “not to let the NEH Challenge die due to the lack of matching funds. We have heard from less than four percent of our membership. And though we are averaging \$1000 per person with gifts ranging from \$25 to \$10,000, we really do need each and everyone’s participation.”

Corporate and Foundation Committees have been set in place by Fowler with a goal of raising \$250,000 in matching funds from these areas. As Chairman Fowler noted, by seeking support beyond ANS membership into the greater numismatic and philanthropic community, the Society can make and perhaps even surpass its goal.

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SOCIETY RECEIVES RARE 1776 NH COPPER

The American Numismatic Society has received an extremely rare 1776 New Hampshire copper as a bequest from the late Herbert M. Oechsner. Mr. Oechsner, an Associate member since 1958, had been an avid collector of colonial American and classical coinages for the past forty years.

The bequest to the ANS was prompted by “Mr. Oechsner’s respect for the Society’s role in furthering numismatic research as a discipline of the humanities,” longtime friend and professional numismatist Harvey G. Stack noted. “Herbert loved his coins for the history they told and represented and wanted this particular piece of Americana to be where others could study and handle it.”



1776 NH Copper

Following the Declaration of Independence, New Hampshire was the first state of the newly-formed Union to consider the issue of coinage. After the production of 100 pounds’ weight of coppers was approved, a design which depicted a

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1988 GRADUATE SEMINAR

The thirty-sixth annual Graduate Seminar in Numismatics will be held in at the Society's museum from June 14 through August 13, 1988.

The visiting scholar will be Dr. Christof F. Boehringer of the University of Göttingen. Dr. Boehringer is best known for his work on the later hellenistic coinage.

Eight students from seven institutions have accepted stipends of \$1200 in support of their attendance. They are: Ronald G. Cluett, Princeton University; Sarah E. Cox, Columbia University; Gary H. Gilbert, Columbia University; Robert T. Ingoglia, City University of New York Graduate Center; Jeffery D. Lerner, University of Wisconsin; Krzysztof F. Nawotka, Ohio State University; Robert J. Newman, University of Hawaii; and, Paolo Squatriti, University of Virginia. George E. Ewing, Jr. of Eastfield College will also participate.

The Seminar, which is under the direction of Chief Curator William E. Metcalf, involves an intensive program of lectures and discussions; all members of the curatorial staff participate. This year they will be joined by Giles F. Carter, Jane DeRose Evans, R. Ross Holloway, Fred S. Kleiner, Eric P. Newman, Stephen K. Scher, and Gilford and Leslie Beer Tobey.

The Seminar is supported by a generous grant from Mr. and Mrs. Eric P. Newman of St. Louis, Missouri.

PNG SUPPORT GROWS

The Professional Numismatists Guild continues to raise support among its members for a Chair in United States Numismatics at the ANS. Meeting in Indianapolis on April 7, PNG board members Leon Hendrickson, Harvey Stack and Paul Koppenhaver encouraged further support from the 200 plus member group. To date 57 PNG members have made a pledge or contribution in support of a named gift at the ANS. Prior to the April 7 meeting, Society President Harry W. Fowler wrote each member thanking them for their group endorsement and giving a gift-to-date status report.

New donors to the PNG Chair since January are: David W. Akers, Miami, FL; Robert B. Lecce, Lawrence, NY; Jay Miller, Foxboro, MA; Gary Sturtridge, Tonganoxie, KA; Joseph Muraca, Island Park, NY; Jesse Patrick, Santa Rosa, CA; James J. Johnski, Wilton, CT; Thomas M. Denly, Boston, MA; and John Wilkison, Nashville, TN.



Among the guests at the recent ANS information evening in Dallas were Miley and George Busiek and Thomas Law.

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To aid members in creating interest in their communities and among their colleagues, ANS Development Officer Sande Elinson and National Cultivation Chairman Margo Russell continue to arrange regional information events. On April 19 ANS Councillors Harry W. Bass, Jr., and Professor Alan Coleman hosted, along with Margo Russell, a dinner in Dallas to introduce ANS staff and development plans to present and potential members. Any member interested in sponsoring such an event in their community need only contact Mrs. Russell through the Society.

LIBRARY NOTES

Among the works recently donated to the Library are B.F. Brekke's *The Copper Coinage of Imperial Russia 1700-1917 — Supplement*, published by the Russian Numismatist Society. The *Supplement* updates the author's book, published in 1977 and can be obtained by writing to the Russian Numismatic Society, POB 3013, Alexandria, VA 22302. Jules Reiver has donated his recently published work *Variety Identification Manual for United States Reeded Edge Half Dollars 1836-1839*. Reiver offers a preliminary study of the possible varieties of the reeded edge half dollars, by using the cracks, rim breaks, file marks and, in some cases, date locations found on the coins.

Library holdings of *The Medallist*, a quarterly published at Oceanside, CA, have been completely filled by a donation of missing issues received from the Editor, E.J. Leotti.

The response to our call for missing

These regional events, booths at the annual ANA conventions, and Day at the ANS tours can only reach so many. "It is by word of mouth of our membership that we shall bring in new members and strengthen our base of support," observes Mr. Fowler. "We need each member's help in reaching the future users and preservers of our collections. This worthy institution has served the scholarly community splendidly for 130 years and has helped each one of us to a better understanding of civilization. The Society deserves nothing less than wholehearted support from each of us as it prepares to meet the challenges of the next century."

periodical issues by the readers of this newsletter has been very enthusiastic. We are presently attempting to complete our holdings of *Essay-Proof Journal*. Should any of our readers be able to provide issues 1-30; 32-43; 47-52; 132; and, 167, the Librarian would be most grateful.

We have recently learned that E.J. Brill of Leiden has just published Dr. Frank L. Holt's *Alexander the Great and Bactria: the Formation of a Greek Frontier in Central Asia*. This work examines the clash of political and cultural traditions which led to the birth of hellenistic Bactria.

James O. Sweeny and Dr. Robert Turfboer recently visited the Library in order to carry out research on a forthcoming book entitled *Tempus in Nummis*. The work will, among other things, discuss how dating rendered coins important historical documents and how various methods of dating have been used on coins. Mr. Sweeney is also the author of *A Numismatic History of the Birmingham Mint* (1981).



EL PERU FEATURED AT COAC 1988

This year's Coinage of the Americas Conference will focus for the first time on Latin American numismatics. It will feature speakers from Argentina, Peru and The Netherlands as well as from throughout the United States. Some of the scholars and their topics are Frank Sedwick, "The Gold 'Cobs' of Peru 1696-1752"; K.A. Dym, "The First Assayers at Potosi"; Joseph Lasser, "The Silver Coins of Nuevo Reino 1622-1760"; and Horace Flatt, "Moneda Feble in Peru 1830-1867." Richard Doty and George Lill will devote separate papers to aspects of "proclamation coinage," especially in Bolivia; William Christensen will discuss independent Peru and Bolivia's pattern coinage; and Glenn Murray will describe the problems Spain encountered when mechanizing its New World mints.

Other speakers and titles remain to be finalized and approved by the COAC Steering Committee in mid-July. Any new proposals for talks of approximately thirty minutes should be submitted before June 15 to Assistant Curator William Bischoff, who will serve as chairman and moderator.

Collectors who wish to exhibit specimens of their own to supplement ANS material on display should contact Dr. Bischoff for guidelines.

As in previous years, the Proceedings of COAC will be published. This year, however, the volume will be issued in both English and Spanish. In addition, a handsome slide set and booklet surveying the milestones of numismatic development in the former Viceroyalty of El Peru will be available for purchase at the conference.

Conference Proceedings Available

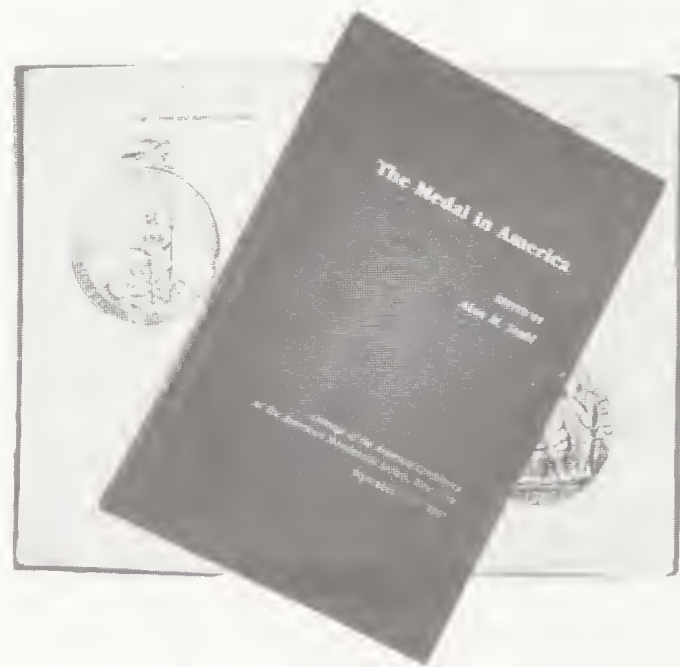
The Medal in America, edited by Alan M. Stahl, is now available from the ANS. This profusely illustrated work contains the 12 papers delivered at COAC 1987 this past September, representing a variety of approaches to the study of medals as historical artifact and as art form.

The Medal in America includes articles on "The Indian Peace Medal of King George I," by Ebenezer Nii Quarcoopome; "The Montreal and Happy While United Indian Peace Medals," by George J. Fuld and Barry D. Tayman; "The Spanish Medal in America," by Javier Gimeno; "The Winds of Liberty: Augustin Dupre's *Libertas Americana*," by Yvonne Korshak; "Medallic and Marble Memorials: Mint to Mausoleum in Victorian America," by Cornelius Vermeule; "John Cotton Dana and the Ideal Museum Collection of Medals," by Dorothy Budd Bartle; "The Medals of John Flanagan," by Donna J. Hassler; "The Medals of Daniel Chester French," by Michael Richman; "Bela Lyon Pratt (1867-1917): Medals, Medallions and Coins," by Cynthia (Pratt) Kennedy Sam; "The Coins and Medals of James Earle Fraser," by August L. Freundlich; "The American Woman Medalist, A Critical Survey," by Elaine J. Leotti; and "The Society of Medalists," by Joseph Veach Noble. The Introduction to the 210 page, hard-bound book is provided by the conference chairman, Dr. Stahl.

This is the fourth Proceedings volume to appear. Previous books include *America's Copper Coinage, 1783-1857*; *America's Curren-*

cy, 1789-1866, and *America's Silver Coinage, 1794-1891*. Proceedings volumes are priced at \$15.00 each plus postage and handling (per book, \$1.00 U.S., \$1.50 elsewhere). Handbooks and slide sets related to the conferences are also available. *America's Copper Coinage, 1783-1857*, by Richard G. Doty, 35 pp. \$6.00; boxed edition including 34 slides \$24.00; *Die Varieties of the 1794 Large Cent* by George E. Ewing, Jr., 31 pp. \$6.00; boxed edition including 27 slides, \$20.00; *Confederate States of America Currency* by Douglas B. Ball, 35 pp. \$6.00; boxed edition including 30 slides, \$20.00; and *America's Silver Coinage, 1794-1891*, by John W. McCloskey, 40 pp. \$6.00; boxed edition including 36 slides, \$25.00.

In conjunction with COAC 1987, a special exhibition on "The Beaux-Arts Medal in America" was mounted at the ANS and remained on view through May 15, 1988. The exhibition catalogue by Barbara A. Baxter, which represents the first scholarly overview of the subject, contains a succinct introduction to the period followed by the catalogue of exhibited works. *The Beaux-Arts Medal in America* is available for \$25.00 (plus \$1 U.S., \$1.50 elsewhere).



Club President Jay Galst and Past President Ed Janis

ANS LOAN TO NY NUMISMATIC CLUB

In celebration of the 80th anniversary of the New York Numismatic Club several members under the leadership of President Jay Galst organized an exhibit of NYNC Presidential Medals and related memorabilia during the recent Metropolitan New York Numismatic Convention held at the Vista International Hotel March 25-27.

Five galvanos from the Society's collection were included in the exhibit. These were sculpted by Jonathan Swanson and were centerpieces for the club presidential

portrait medal series. Additional loan items from the Society's collection included the final struck versions of some of the more esoteric issues of the set such as the Albert Frey Vice-Presidential medal struck in leather and the "Speed the Plow" issue.

In addition the library lent several programs and booklets of the club from its early years, complementing photographs of early gatherings and banquets.

Society Fellow Ed Janis, a past president of the NYNC, gave an illustrated slide talk on the presidential medal series at the show's international forum. He also worked with President Jay Galst, David Armet and Julius Turoff to prepare the exhibit.

STAHL RETURNS FROM LEAVE IN VENICE

Alan Stahl, Curator of Medieval Coins and of Medals, has returned from a three-month leave of absence in Venice, Italy, which included several short side trips.

The primary motivation for the trip was an invitation to serve as a visiting professor in the Department of Historical Studies of the University of Venice. Stahl taught a course on the monetary history of medieval Europe, with special emphasis on the coinage of Venice. The course was offered as supplementary credit for candidates for the laureate degree in history and in numismatics. On teaching in Italian, Stahl noted, "It was certainly an educational experience for me; not only did my Italian improve, but I was forced to formulate my ideas in a simple, straightforward manner, something not always required in the type of academic writing and lecturing I usually do. I hope the students learned as much from the course as I did." In addition to lectures, accompanied by slides of coins from the Society's collection, Stahl brought the students to the Correr Museum in Venice to examine coins in the Papadopoli collection housed there.

The extended stay in Venice also allowed Stahl to complete archival work for his projected history of the mint of Venice in the Middle Ages. This research was begun in 1982 in conjunction with his study of the Chalkis hoard of Venetian torneselli and has been pursued during visits in 1984 and 1986 with grants from the Gladys K. Delmas Foundation. With archival research completed, Stahl now has to examine numismatic evidence and published sources before he can begin writing the book.

Stahl was invited to speak to several groups while in Italy. On April 16 he addressed the Società Italiana di Numis-



Medal presented to Alan Stahl by the Società Italiana di Numismatica on the occasion of his recent talk before that group.

matica in Milan on the subject "La peste nera e la zecca di Venezia." He taught two classes on medieval numismatics at the archival school of the State Archives of Venice. He also spoke to the Venetian association of tour guides and to the Circolo Italo-britannico di Venezia.

Taking advantage of his presence in Europe, Stahl attended the joint conference of the Society for the Promotion of Byzantine Studies and the Society for the Study of the Crusades in Nottingham, England, on March 26-29, where he delivered a paper on "European Coinage in Greece after the Fourth Crusade." On the way home he attended the delegates' meeting in Paris of the Fédération Internationale de la Médaille, where he presented a final report on the 1987 FIDEM Congress in Colorado Springs and participated in discussion of the next international congress and exhibition devoted to the art of the medal.

GOLDOME MONEY COLLECTION DEBUT

The Goldome Money Collection, which made its New York City debut on May 2 at the Federal Hall Memorial Museum, graphically illustrates the interesting history of money. The exhibit explains how the government had to "sell" the idea of paper currency to the public in the 1860s and how money has changed in appearance and value since it was first issued.

The Goldome Money Collection, which is on a two-state tour, features more than 70 pieces of pre-Civil War to present-day paper currency. Special attractions include: 1) the educational series of silver certificates, described as the most beautiful and artistic U.S. currency ever printed; 2) the \$5 silver certificate featuring the portrait of an American Indian; 3) fractional currency, paper money which was issued in denominations as small as 3 cents; 4) the rainbow series of legal tender, which uses optical illusions devised to discourage counterfeiting; and 5) the \$20 technicolor gold certificate, a popular piece because of its multi-color obverse.

Accompanying the exhibit are 14 authentic presidential autographs from George Washington to Jimmy Carter that allow onlookers to determine which Oval Office occupant had the best handwriting.

The Goldome Money Collection can be viewed in the entrance of the Federal Hall Memorial Building from 9 AM to 5 PM, Monday through Friday. The exhibit runs from May 2 through May 31.

From June 1-29 the collection will be on display at the Shelter Rock Public Library and July 1-27 at the Garden City Public Library, two Long Island suburbs of New York City.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ACLS

Professor Roger A. Hornsby of the University of Iowa serves as the Society's delegate to the American Council of Learned Societies. He has submitted the following report on the annual meeting of the ACLS, held recently in New York.

The annual meeting of the American Council of Learned Societies occurred on 14-15 April 1988 in various parts of New York City, chiefly the Essex House Hotel and New York University. For the delegates the beginning was luncheon at the Essex House on the 14th, followed by a brief business meeting of the delegates and a "conversation" with Stanley H. Katz, president of ACLS. He announced plans for a national office of biography and a contract with Oxford University Press to

put the *Dictionary of American Biography* on computer. He reported that the happy announcement made at last year's meeting that the core programs of the ACLS, namely the fellowships and the organization grants, were fully funded, turned out to be premature, and that more money will be needed to endow fully those programs. At the following Council meeting in addition to the reports of the officers and committees the Council successfully elected to membership in ACLS the Middle East Studies Association of North America.

The evening of the 14th brought the Charles Homer Haskins Lecture delivered this year by John Hope Franklin, James B. Duke Professor Emeritus of History and Professor of Legal History in the Law

School of Duke University. The Haskins lecture recounts the intellectual development of the lecturer, and so Professor Franklin revealed in an extremely powerful speech what roles his family, his education, and racial segregation played in forming one of the great historians of the Black people and one of the leaders in securing racial equality. Professor Franklin and his family give witness to a heroic and ongoing struggle.

The Humanities in the University

The following morning a series of panelists discussed "the Humanities in the University: Strategies for the 1990s," the

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SCHER DELIVERS STACK MEMORIAL LECTURE



Society President Harry W. Fowler, Stephen K. Scher, Harvey Stack and Norman Stack at Stack Memorial Lecture

The Joseph B. and Morton M. Stack Memorial Lecture for 1988 was presented at the Spring members meeting on April 16 by Society member Stephen K. Scher. Dr. Scher gained his formal introduction to numismatics at the ANS Graduate Summer Seminar in 1958, while a graduate student at Yale University. Following receipt of his degree in 1966, he joined the faculty of Brown University where he served as

Associate Professor of Art and Chairman of the department until leaving the university in 1974 to take over the family business.

Dr. Scher has maintained his ties to scholarship through his writings and his involvement with organizations such as the International Center for Medieval Art and the ANS Standing Committee on Medals. In a slide-illustrated lecture entitled "Renaissance Coin Collectors and the

Origins of the Medal," Dr. Scher discussed the Duc du Berry as a Renaissance collector as well as a great patron of the arts. The French nobleman and his activities have provided a window through which Dr. Scher examined the origins of the medal as we know it today and the genesis of coin collecting as a means of knowing the past.

Members' Business Meeting

The members' meeting was presided over by Society President Harry W. Fowler. Preceding the lecture by Dr. Scher, Mr. Fowler announced that the Annual Giving Campaign has begun quite well with \$25,100 given to date. The annual giving goal is \$60,000 to be reached by September 30. The money contributed to the Annual Giving Campaign is used to support the basic operations of the ANS. Mr. Fowler urged all members to do their part for the Society.

Mr. Fowler announced that the Graduate Fellowship has been awarded to James J. Todesca of Fordham University and the Frances M. Schwartz Fellowship has been awarded to Claudia Ocello, a May 1988 graduate of Bryn Mawr College.

He also expressed the Society's pleasure at the appointment of ANS Chief Curator William E. Metcalf to the Institute for Advanced Study in Princeton for the academic year 1988/9.

REPUBLICAN COLLECTION PUBLISHED

The John Max Wulff Collection in Washington University, Roman Republican Coins, by Kevin Herbert, has been issued by the Society as No. 7 in the series, Ancient Coins in North American Collections.

This volume complements that on Greek coins from the Wulff collection published by the ANS in 1979 as ACNAC 2. The 769 pieces described and illustrated in the present volume form an excellent reference collection of Roman Republican coinage from the early cast bronze ingots down to the last issues of the old order in 31 B.C. The catalogue is indexed by obverse and reverse types and by moneyers. All entries are referenced to Sydenham and Crawford, with the latter's dates cited. Professor Herbert was assisted in the preparation of this volume by Keith Candiotti.

Distributed to 1986/87 Subscribers

ACNAC 7 is being distributed to Society members who are Publication Subscribers for 1986/87. It may also be ordered directly from the Society at \$35.00 (ISBN 0-89722-220-2).

Another ANS publication will be sent later in 1988 to holders of the 1986/87 Subscription: *Studies on Early Byzantine Gold Coinage* (ANSNS 17), edited by Wolfgang Hahn and William E. Metcalf. Contributors to the volume include, in addition to Hahn and W.E. Metcalf, N. Fairchild, D.M. Metcalf, Cécile Morrisson, W.A. Oddy and John Smedley.

ANS Sylloge Volume Available

SNGANS 7, *Macedonia I: Cities, Thracian-Macedonian Tribes, Paeonian Kings*, by Nancy M. Waggoner, is another new publication offered by the Society. ANS Sylloge volumes are not included in the annual publication subscription and must be purchased separately. SNGANS 7, priced at \$60.00, is already in stock at leading numismatic book dealers or may be ordered directly from the ANS (ISBN 0-89722-216-4).

In this fascicule, Dr. Waggoner describes and illustrates 1,062 early Macedonian coins in the ANS collection, with geographical, personal and type indices. The next two Macedonia volumes will in-

corporate the Society's holdings through Philip II (Part 8) and the gold issues of Alexander III followed by his lifetime (?) silver issues from Amphipolis (Part 9).

Also in press at the present time is SNGANS 5, *Sicily III: Syracuse-Siceliotes*, by Denyse P. Bérend, which concludes the presentation of ANS holdings for South Italy and Sicily. Included in this fascicule are two appendices, the first of which records coinage of Syracuse added to the Society's collection while this volume was in preparation. Appendix 2, by Carmen Arnold-Biucchi and Hyla A. Troxell, catalogues a significant gift received by the ANS in 1986, selected to fill gaps in the Society's holdings as recorded in these volumes. SNGANS 5 concludes with a series of nine subject indices to the first five volumes, compiled by Margaret Thompson.

Parts 1-6 of SNGANS are published in the format initiated by the British Academy—11 1/2 x 15 1/2 inches; beginning with Part 7, SNGANS is published in the 210 x 295 mm format adopted by the INC in 1984.

Wilmington Coin Club Visits ANS



Twenty-four members of the Wilmington Coin Club traveled to the ANS on May 7 to participate in the Society's new outreach program for groups interested in learning first-hand about the ANS and its facilities. The "behind-the-scenes" tours of the library, editorial, and photography departments are combined with a hands-on viewing of material from the vaults and library shelves.

The three hour program was arranged by group members Dr. Robert Stark and Mrs. Patricia McGee through Development Officer Sande Elinson at the ANS. This is the third group to take advantage of this comprehensive touring of ANS facilities which allows direct contact with the staff members in each major area. "The goal of our 'Day at the ANS' program," states Mrs. Elinson, "is to give the individuals who come here an overview of the depth of the activities we undertake as a major numismatic research center by actually moving them around the four story building into each department. The day always starts with an introductory slide show on the history of the Society and its present and developing plans and a formal presentation by a member of the curatorial staff. Each programmed day ends with hands-on viewing of a selection from the cabinets of interest to each specific group."

The morning program started with a presentation to the Society by Ted Gula, director and past president of the Wilmington Coin Club. ANS Director Leslie Elam accepted for the Society a numbered

set of the Kalmar Nyckel Landing Medallions commemorating the 350th anniversary of the landing of the Swedes in Wilmington Delaware and the first permanent European colony in the Delaware Valley. The Wilmington Coin Club aided in the development of the commemorative medallions which are being sold to help support the building of a full scale visual replica of the sailing ship, the Kalmar Nyckel, as a goodwill ambassador for Wilmington harbor.

The group met in the permanent exhibition hall featuring the World of Coins and moved throughout the Society ending with a viewing of medals, decorations, colonial currency, odd and curious items, and German inflationary currency under the direction of Assistant Curator William L. Bischoff. Group members complimented staff members Francis Campbell, Frank Deak and Marie H. Martin for "opening up the Society in a manner we could appreciate and understand at our various levels of numismatic research background." Of particular interest to the group was a presentation by Michael Bates on the creation of the "The World of Coins" permanent exhibit at the Society. Dr. Bates took the group visually through the process of writing an exhibit and then translating that "book" to a visual medium.

Admission is free. Scheduling is available eight months of the year, excluding May 15 to September 15. Groups of 15 or more interested in planning 'A Day at the ANS' should contact Mrs. Elinson at the Society

ASSOCIATES ELECTED

At its April meeting, the Society's Council elected 28 new Associates and reinstated 4 former members. Those elected are: Rony Almedia, Miami, FL; Francisca Bernheimer, Munich, W. Germany; Peter E. Bisson, Scarsdale, NY; Robert M. Brown, Lynnwood, WA; Hugh Cooper, Chicago, IL; William H. Curd, Phoenix, AZ; Richard Downes, Ventnor, England; Robert Fohrmeister, River Edge, NJ; Richard A. Gergel, Mt. Pleasant, MI; Richard C. Griggs, Westfield, NJ.

Also, Robert G. Hansen, Santa Barbara, CA; Timothy H. James, Mt. Juliet, TN; Lera Coin Club, Pearl River, NY; James F. Lunny, Jr., Boca Raton, FL; Roger McNeice, Tasmania, Australia; Hugo Meyer, Princeton, NJ; John G. Nibouar, Philadelphia, PA; George M. Parker, Decatur, GA; Carlos Alonso Perez, Barcelona, Spain; and, Calvin J. Rogers, Redmond City, CA.

Also, Curtis Runnels, Boston, MA; David D. Sabatini, New Rochelle, NY; Barry A. Stein, Vienna, VA; Heiner Stuker, Zürich, Switzerland; Safwan Kh. Tell, Amman, Jordan; Gary A. Trudgen, Endwell, NY; Fred E. Wintzer, Jr., Baltimore, MD; and, Lawrence B. Wohl, Port Chester, NY.

Members Reinstated

The following were reinstated as Associate Members of the Society: Remy Bourne, Minneapolis, MN; Robert S. Cantor, Yonkers, NY; Morrey Perlmutter, Newton Ctr, MA; and the University of Western Ontario, London, Canada.



The Kalmar Nyckel Landing Medallion

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theme of this year's meeting. The discussion ranged from how humanistic studies are yielding new interdisciplinary insights and how literary theory functions in defining the canon of texts read to the decline in the number of traditional students (i.e., the young wishing to study the humanities) while at the same time older adults, who for one reason or another are returning to college because their experience in the "real world" has shown how central the humanities are to public and private life. No matter what the announced topic of a given panelist was, the underlying topics of each discussant concerned the teaching of the humanities and what its subject matter is. These topics elicited at this session, as they do nationally, conservative and liberal passions, the one looking to the past for understanding of the present and the other trying to shape the present according to some future glimpsed by the initiated. Though civility reigned, consensus never appeared.

At the final luncheon meeting on the 15th, Lynne Cheney, chairman of the National Endowment for the Humanities, explored the same debate. She took as her starting point the recent decision by the Stanford faculty to modify its required reading list in its course on Western Civilization and pointed out that because of its basic openness to varying points of view Western Civilization was and is great and at the same time it is vulnerable to attack even to the point of its devastation. She favored the conservative position of maintaining the traditional priority of teaching of Western Civilization and suggested that part of the problem in securing a sure place for what is called traditional humanities lay in the failure of humanists to explain what constitutes the values of western culture. Though your delegate found her talk agreeable, he doubts that the intransigents of either position were persuaded to modify their views.

The annual meeting of the ACLS is not the occasion for proposing vast and sweeping innovations in the scholarly disciplines. It is, rather, an occasion for reporting and considering the present state of those disciplines. If engaged and feisty discussion indicates a lively intellectual life, then the humane disciplines, as represented by the meeting of the constituent learned societies, flourish. It remains for me to express my appreciation to the ACLS for the planning of this year's meeting with its fine food and drink for both the mind and body and to thank the American Numismatic Society for allowing me to participate.

CORRESPONDING MEMBERS ELECTED

Five foreign scholars were elected Corresponding Members of the Society at the April meeting of the ANS Council. This honorary class of ANS membership recognizes those persons residing outside of the United States who have made significant contributions to the advancement of numismatic research.

Those elected are Ibrahim Artuk, Christof F. Boehringer, Raoul Curiel, Brita Malmer and Cécile Morrisson. With the addition of these five scholars, the total of Corresponding Members of the ANS is 50.

Distinguished Achievements

Ibrahim Artuk of Istanbul, Turkey, has been an Associate member since 1949. He is the Curator of Islamic coins in Istanbul. Author of over two dozen articles on Turkish coins of all periods, written in both Turkish and English, he is the joint author of the massive *Istanbul arkeoloji Müzeleri teshirdeki Islâmî*, published in two volumes.

Christof F. Boehringer, Professor at the University of Göttingen, West Germany, was a principal speaker at the 1986 International Numismatic Congress in London and will be the Visiting Scholar at the 1988 ANS Graduate Seminar. His extensive bibliography covers the coinages of South Italy and Sicily and includes the major publication *Zur Chronologie mittelhellenistischer Münzserien 220-160 v.Chr.*

Raoul Curiel is the retired Curator of Oriental coins in the Bibliothèque Nationale, Paris. He is the author of numerous articles, several of which are fundamental in the field.

Brita Malmer, formerly Keeper in the Swedish Royal Coin Cabinet, is now a Professor at the Historical Institute, University of Stockholm. She specializes in medieval Scandinavia, with an emphasis on coin finds and methodology. Professor Malmer is the joint editor of *Corpus nummorum saeculorum IX-XI qui in Suecia reperti sunt*, now in 7 volumes. In 1986 she was the Royal Numismatic Society's Medallist.

Cécile Morrisson, of Sevres, France, is the newly-appointed Conservateur-en-chef at the Cabinet des Médailles in the Bibliothèque Nationale. She was the editor of the *Catalogue des monnaies byzantines* in the Bibliothèque and the author of many articles concerning Byzantine history and numismatics. In 1986 at the London Congress Dr. Morrisson was elected to the Bureau of the International Numismatic Commission. She has been an Associate since 1967 and has been invited to be the Visiting Scholar for 1990.

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pine tree and the legend American Liberty on the obverse and a harp and 1776 on the reverse was submitted. On June 28, 1776, the New Hampshire House of Representatives accepted the coppers with this design as legal exchange. The 1776 New Hampshire copper has become rare. It is generally accepted that although William Moulton prepared patterns following the proposed recommendations, the pieces were made in limited quantity and never circulated to any extent.

William L. Bischoff, Assistant Curator of Modern Coins at the Society, expressed delight upon receipt of the bequest, stating that "it came as a very welcome surprise to us and will add significantly to our already strong holdings in the pre-federal coinage of our nation."

An exhibit of the 1776 copper was in the East Hall of the Society at the time of the Spring meeting. The single coin was centered in a display case amid a variety of newspaper clippings concerning Mr. Oechsner and his bequest.



Associate Member Al Zaloom views display at Spring meeting

METCALF INVITED TO IAS

William E. Metcalf, the Society's Chief Curator and Curator of Roman and Byzantine Coins, has been named a member of the Institute for Advanced Study at Princeton for the academic year 1988/9. While there he will be working on a book-length treatment of Roman Imperial numismatics, 31 B.C.-A.D. 284, which will provide students of the discipline with an overview as well as a detailed methodological approach to the period. The study grows out of Metcalf's teaching both in the Graduate Seminar and in seminars at the Department of Art History and Archaeology of Columbia University, where he has taught since 1978.

During Metcalf's leave of absence Michael L. Bates, Curator of Islamic Coins, will be Acting Chief Curator.

CALENDAR

May

- 7 East Asian Committee meeting
- 5-8 23rd International Congress on Medieval Studies, Kalamazoo, MI. Alan Stahl to speak on "Moneta e Mortalit : The Black Death and the Mint of Venice."
- 29 Meeting of the Bureau of the International Numismatic Commission, Copenhagen, Denmark. Michael L. Bates to attend.

June

- 14 36th Annual Graduate Seminar begins.
- 28 George S. Cuhaj to speak at the Wilmington Coin Club.

July

- 2 Society closed—Independence Day
- 14 Finance Committee meeting, 3 PM
- 15 Council meeting, 1:30 PM
- 20 ANA Convention in Cincinnati, OH. George S. Cuhaj, ANS Booth Host.

August

- 13 Final day of ANS Summer Graduate Seminar

ANS MEDAL COMPETITION

In conjunction with its ongoing endowment drive, the ANS in January 1988 announced an open competition for a new medal to be presented to individuals who contribute at least \$5,000 toward the drive's goal of four million dollars.

The competition, open to all artists, has thus far prompted 61 artists to indicate an intention to participate. Eleven requests for further information have come from eight European countries and Japan. Entries may be submitted either as drawings or models with an award of \$5,000 for a winning three-dimensional model or, if the winning design is a drawing, the artist will receive \$4,000 and \$1,000 will be awarded for the production of a working model, either to the successful artist or to another sculptor.

The new medal will be known as "The Endowment Medal." Entrants have been asked to relate their theme and design to the 130-year-old Society and its goals of collection, preservation, investigation and

display of coins, medals and paper money. The entry must bear the Society's name and some form of its emblem of a cluster of oak leaves. Silver examples of the medal will be presented to major donors to the Society's endowment campaign. The medal will also be produced in bronze for sale to the many collectors of the Society's issues, which have included in the past works of Victor D. Brenner, Daniel Chester French and Gutzon Borglum, and more recently those of Frank Eliscu, Marcel Jovine and Eugene Daub.

The award will be made by the Council of the Society on the recommendation of the Committee on Medals and Decorations. The timetable for the new medal has been set with submissions to be in the hands of the jury by June 1, 1988. The final model, with any required modifications, must be accepted by the jury by August 15, 1988. The medal will be presented to recipients and offered for sale by the Society in early 1989.

ALUMNI IN THE NEWS

Professor Bettina Bergmann of Mount Holyoke College (1979) has been named a Summer Fellow at the Dumbarton Oaks Center for Byzantine Studies in Washington, where she will be working on "Sacred Groves and Sunlit Shores: Architectural Landscapes in Ancient Roman Painting (60 B.C.-A.D. 79)."

Jamsheed K. Choksy (1987) has been elected a Junior Fellow of Harvard University. He is the third student to be selected for this honor in Middle Eastern Studies: his two predecessors were Richard N. Frye (1952) and Roy P. Mottahedeh (1963), both now Professors at Harvard.

Jane DeRose Evans (1983, Fellowship 1984/5) has been appointed Assistant Professor of Art History at the Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, for 1988/9.

Alexander the Great in Bactria and India by Professor Frank L. Holt (1980) of the University of Houston has been published by E.J. Brill, Leiden.

Jacqueline Long (1987) has been named a Junior Fellow at Dumbarton Oaks. She will be studying Claudian's *In Eutropium*.

Jennifer Sheridan (1987) will spend the academic year 1988/9 as Lecturer at the Intercollegiate Center for Classical Studies in Rome.

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